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REMARKS

The specification has been editorially revised. Claims 1, 8, 13, 17 and 20 have been amended. Claims 10-12 and 22-24 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 9, 13-21, 25 and 26 remain in the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claim and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 13, 14, 20, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Nomiyama. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended to emphasize that retrieval keywords are highlighted in the retrieved document. This is an important aspect of the claimed invention. Nomiyama refers to a system in which keywords are sorted preferably in order of decreasing count value on individual and separate windows (column 5, lines 8-12). The keywords are not, however, highlighted in the retrieved document. Consequently, claim 1, as amended, should be allowable over Nomiyama. Claims 2-7, 25 and 26 depend from claim 1 and should be allowable along with claim 1 and for other reasons.

Claim 8 has been amended to clarify that a user-designated word other than the retrieval words can be highlighted. Nomiyama fails to disclose or suggest this important aspect of the claimed invention. Nomiyama indicates that logical operations (AND, OR, NOT and the like) can be input. The logical operations, however, are not highlighted. Therefore, claim 8, as amended, should be allowable. Claim 9 depends from claim 8 and should be allowable along with claim 8 and for other reasons.

Method claims 13 and 20 have been amended along the lines discussed above in connection with claims 1 and 8, respectively. Claims 13 and 20, along with

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Independent claims 14-19 and 21, should also be allowable over the prior art for similar
and other reasons.

Allowance of the application, as amended, with claims 1-9, 13-21, 25 and 26,
is solicited.

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